

In complete response to the June 17, 2004 Official Action, please amend the above-cited application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as follows:

MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process of coating a surface comprising the step of: (a) applying to a surface a composition comprising
 - i. a solution of polyethylene oxide in water, wherein the polyethylene oxide is in a concentration of 0.1 to 10 weight percent, and wherein the polyethylene oxide has a molecular weight greater than 250,000~~—and~~ about 100,000;
 - ii. a surfactant, wherein the composition is capable of being removed from the surface at about room temperature with a solvent;
 - b. drying the coated surface; and
 - c. removing unbound composition by applying an aqueous solution to the coated surface.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim ~~2~~1, wherein the drying step is conducted at about 1-250 degrees Centigrade.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution is water.

6. (Original) The process according to claim 5, wherein the aqueous solution is at a temperature of about less than 85 degrees Centigrade.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the surface is inanimate.
9. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the surface is animate.
10. (Original) The process according to claim 9, wherein the animate surface is human skin.
11. (Withdrawn) An article of manufacture comprising a surface treated with the composition of claim 1.
12. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein the polyethylene oxide is in a concentration of about .10 to 7 weight percent.
13. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein the polyethylene oxide is in a concentration of about .4 to 2.5 weight percent.
14. (New) The process according to claim 5, wherein the aqueous solution is at a temperature of about less than 50 degrees Centigrade.
15. (New) The process according to claim 5, wherein the aqueous solution is at about room temperature.
16. (New) The process according to claim 1 further comprising steps of:
 - e. removing, in part, the composition from the surface by applying an aqueous solution to the coated surface; and
 - f. applying an additional amount of the composition of claim 1 to the surface.
17. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein step a further comprises (iii) paint.

18. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein step a further comprises (iii) at least one antimicrobial agent.

CLEAN VERSION OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process of coating a surface comprising the step of: (a) applying to a surface a composition comprising
 - i. a solution of polyethylene oxide in water, wherein the polyethylene oxide is in a concentration of 0.1 to 10 weight percent, and wherein the polyethylene oxide has a molecular weight greater than about 100,000;
 - ii. a surfactant, wherein the composition is capable of being removed from the surface at about room temperature with a solvent;
 - b. drying the coated surface; and
 - c. removing unbound composition by applying an aqueous solution to the coated surface.
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5. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution is water.
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7. (Canceled)

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15. (New) The process according to claim 5, wherein the aqueous solution is at about room temperature.
16. (New) The process according to claim 1 further comprising steps of:
 - g. removing, in part, the composition from the surface by applying an aqueous solution to the coated surface; and
 - h. applying an additional amount of the composition of claim 1 to the surface.
17. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein step a further comprises (iii) paint.
18. (New) The process according to claim 1, wherein step a further comprises (iii) at least one antimicrobial agent.